

**METHODS OF MAKING TUNGSTEN
CARBIDE-BASED ANNULAR JEWELRY ARTICLES**

ABSTRACT

5 Wear resistant jewelry apparatus and methods of making the same wherein
articles of jewelry are made from sinterable metal and/or ceramic powder materials
compressed into a predetermined configuration and then sintered to form a blank from
which a jewelry item may be made and to which softer precious metals, stones, crystals or
other materials suitable for use in jewelry may be affixed. Such items of jewelry may have
10 multiple facets and can be fabricated using various disclosed techniques and various
combinations of materials.